

CHAPTER NO. 523

SENATE BILL NO. 2898

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 2822

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AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6; Title 63, Chapter 2 and Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 3, relative to medical records in workers' compensation cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304(a)(2)(A), is amended by adding the following as a new item (iv):

(iv) In workers' compensation cases, a request for medical records shall include a medical or anatomical impairment rating if such record is available. Requests for such records shall be subject to the limits on charges established by this section. Special additional or separate charges for including impairment ratings are not permitted.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-2-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) In workers' compensation cases, a request for medical records shall include a medical or anatomical impairment rating as required by Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 50-6-246. In a request for medical records under Section 50-6-204, a physician or hospital shall include a medical or anatomical impairment rating if such record is available. A provider may not charge an additional or separate cost for providing the impairment rating as a part of a request for medical records.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 14, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of March 2002


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